

RELIGION DIGEST

Friedens Reformed Presents Messengers

FREEMAN — A concert will be presented by the Waldner Messengers at Friedens Reformed Church in Tripp at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 6.

The public is welcome, and a free-will offering will be asked. Refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Judy Brown at 605-935-7155 or wlibb@santel.net.

Avon First Baptist Presents The Justies

AVON — The Justies will perform a concert at the First Baptist Church, 415 Main St. Avon, at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 6.

The band's music is a unique blend of acoustic country, folk and light contemporary.

There will be a free-will offering available. For more information, contact Mike Boyle at 605-286-3656 or e-mail fbc@Goldenwest.net.

Polka Mass June 13 At Dante's Assumption

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church is celebrating its centennial with a "Polka Mass" on Sunday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m. It will be followed by a meal in the Church CCD Center, displays of memorabilia from the church's history and also the Town of Dante, generations of photographs of parishioners and also Town of Dante pictures, and an apron display. A centennial cookbook, church directory w/cemetery plat, souvenir magnets, and a hand carved cane (silent auction) will be for sale.

The Town of Dante will also be celebrating its centennial with a fun filled weekend, June 11-13. Contact Don Kotab 384-3340 or Dick Rysavy 384-3313.

Rev. Dean Trapp Send-Off Planned June 13

The Yankton First United Methodist Church will hold one worship service on Sunday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m. The timing of the service is in conjunction with a luncheon following the service for Rev. Dean Trapp and family as they prepare to move to his new appointment at Sunnycrest United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls.

The public is invited to an "open house" for Rev. Dean Trapp and family, at the Yankton First United Methodist Church, 207 West 11th Street from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Rev. Trapp will be moving to a new appointment at Sunnycrest United Methodist Church in Sioux Falls. Rev. Trapp's final Sunday in the pulpit will be June 13.

The Voice Of The Martyrs In Menno June 16

Hugh & Donna Smith Representatives for "The Voice of the Martyrs" will be giving a presentation on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 7:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (the Stone Church) 29219 431 Ave., Menno, SD 57045 (located 6 miles south of Menno on 431 Ave. or north of Yankton on Hwy 81 to SD Hwy 46, go west 9 miles to 431 Ave. then north 5 miles to the church)

Please join us as they share their concern for the Persecuted Church. "They are a voice for those who have no voice." Free-will Offering will be taken to further the cause of "The Voice of the Martyrs" Lunch will follow (There will be a presentation geared for grades 1 - 6 in the Fellowship Hall of the church, At the same time as the Main Presentation.) (Any questions, please call Barb at 605-387-5256 or 605-660-1410)

A Cosmic Adventure Praising God

Yankton UCC and Christ Episcopal Church invite all children Preschool through 5th Grade to Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God! Vacation Bible School. Board the starship Galactic Praise to see our awesome universe - and our awesome God - in a whole new way. The fun begins Monday, June 21, 2010, from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm at Yankton UCC, 210 W 5th St.

Call 665-7320 or 665-2456 for a registration form or register online at www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/cecucy. Registration deadline is June 6, 2010.

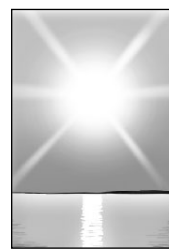
Spring Is Here, Summer Just Around The Corner

REV. LANCE LINDGREN
Vangen Lutheran Church

Spring is here, and Summer begins later on this month, you can tell. High school and college graduations, and Memorial Day have taken place. You can tell too, that Spring is here, and Summer is just around the corner, by all the outdoor plants, flowers and shrubs being offered for sale everywhere you go. You can tell that Spring and the approach of Summer is here by all the gardens that have been planted. You can tell that Spring and the approach of Summer is here, seeing farmers out in their fields in between the rains. And, you can tell Spring and the onset of Summer is here by certain people who are complaining about allergies!

But, it's good to be outdoors! It seems that more and more people are into being out and about recreationally and for physical fitness. Look around at the park picnic and playground areas, and tennis courts; they're being used more. The effect of being outside can also be soothing and relaxing; a time to be at peace, to enjoy and give thanks to God for his creation.

But with all these scenarios of a sense of calm and harmony, and the numerous reports



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of people searching for a more spiritually rewarding life-style, and spiritual life overall; it's perplexing that verbal and psychological tension and aggression (even physical aggression) still strike in so many settings of society, taking its toll on so many people.

In a past summer issue of "Interchange", a periodical published by the Women's Organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (some eleven years ago to be exact), there was a report on a talk given by Bishop Edmund Tutu at an ecumenical gathering of some 1,300 youth at a retreat center near Asheville, N.C. In his talk, he suggested a prerequisite for an authentic religious experience (distinguishing between faith and religion, I prefer to call it a "spiritual faith experience"). He centered his talk around Micah 6:8, which sounds a major note of what is required of people who have forgotten their God, and God's saving acts: "and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Bishop Tutu suggested that such a practice quoted in Micah be reversed! Yes, reversed! He says, "the true Christian life is impossible, unless at its heart beats an "engaged spirituality." The authenticity of an "engaged spirituality," said Tutu, hinges on "first walking humbly with God;" to have a "sensitivity to God."

I'm convinced that what Tutu said at that retreat, is a most essential element of life, and a most critical requirement of all of society: to be "sensitive to God," and "to walk humbly with God!"

It may sound simple enough to do, even to the point of being trite; but too often, it's hard to really carry it out on a daily basis! What would being "sensitive to God" and "walking humbly with God" look like in your life this week, or the rest of the month, or the rest of the year, or the rest of your life for that matter? Why not give it a try and see what happens? Remember, as humility comes to us as a "gift" from God, it can only be increased as a "habit" that we develop! That is, humility is increased in us by seriously exercising it with all intentionality and with all honesty.

And remember to take time to worship God on a regular basis - even during these weeks of Spring and Summer! You owe it to your spiritual well-being!

Midsommar Festival Set For Dalesburg Church

The historic Midsommar at Dalesburg provides a feast for the body and the soul on Friday, June 18.

The 141st annual festival begins at 2 p.m. with a concert by Trio con Brio of Stockholm, Sweden, inside Dalesburg Lutheran Church north of Vermillion. The trio also headlines for the evening program, along with the Turkey Creek Revival Band at 7 p.m. on the beautiful north lawn of the country church.

Festival-goers can savor meatballs, potatis korv and other tasty specialties at the Smorgasbord from 4:30-6:30 p.m., and try homemade pie, taverns and snacks at the Youth Food Stand operated by the Dalesburg Lutheran and Komstad Covenant youth.

Trio con Brio began making music in 2001, when Jan Holmgren formed a trio consisting of flute, oboe and piano.

Today, the trio features Carina Cederwall, flute and vocal, Jan Holmgren, oboe, English horn and vocal, and Stig Andersson, piano, arrangements and vocal. The three, all educat-

ed at the Royal Academy of Music in Stockholm, range from classical music to well known hymns via jazz, musicals and film music. They first played at Midsommar in 2008.

The festival dates back into the late 1860s, when settlers from Dalarna County of Sweden came to Southeastern South Dakota. Along the way, these pioneer families founded Dalesburg Lutheran Church, about 12 miles north of Vermillion, and started a Midsommar celebration tradition. Today, the festival features the efforts of three traditionally Swedish country churches in the area, Dalesburg Lutheran, Dalesburg Baptist and Komstad Covenant.

- 1 p.m. — The Youth Food Stand, featuring pie, taverns and snacks, opens on the south lawn.
- 2 p.m. — Program in the air-conditioned church featuring Trio con Brio.

- Afternoon — Conversation, exploring and relaxing in the beautiful country atmosphere. Children's activities beginning at 5 p.m.

- 4:30-6:30 p.m. — Scandinavian Smorgasbord, fea-

turing meatballs, potatis korv and other specialties made by church members.

- 7 p.m. — Evening program on the beautiful north lawn (weather permitting). The program includes Trio Con Brio, the Turkey Creek Revival Band and Scandinavian ring dances for all around the Midsommar Pole. A friendly game of softball follows at the Ben Carlson Field across the road.

- Sunday, June 20, 9 a.m. — Sunday worship outside (weather permitting), with music by the Dalesburg Community Choir, directed by Julie Morren.

Dalesburg Lutheran Church is a traditionally Swedish church founded by Dakota Territory homesteaders who emigrated from Sweden in the 1860s. The first building was erected in 1874. The present sanctuary dates from 1897. The ELCA church features impressive woodwork, stunning stained glass windows, and, of course, Midsommar - all in a beautiful countryside setting.

Dalesburg Lutheran is 12 miles north of Vermillion on the University Road or 5.5 miles west of I-29 exit 38 (Volin).

Vacation Bible School

A HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION

Kids will feel the sea spray on their face as sails snap overhead. Don't miss the ship-register now to be a part of this High Seas Expedition Vacation Bible School sponsored by Emmanuel Church. VBS will be held at Stewart School, June 6 - 10, 2010; 6:50 - 9:00 p.m. for ages 4 years old - 8th grade. Pre-registration requested via church website at www.emmanuelyankton.com or contact Youth Pastor Jeremy Mulder at 665-0404.

THE BAOBAB BLAST

Trinity Lutheran Church of Yankton will be offering Vacation Bible School to children in grades K-6, June 6-10 from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and for preschool students June 8-10. A meal will be served nightly at 5:30 pm. Join us for food and fellowship!

Join in a week of high-action games, awesome music, wacky skits, Bible stories and cool crafts! It's guaranteed to be a BLAST! Register Today! Call Pam at 665-7415 or stop in at church.

CHURCH SCHEDULES

Abundant Life

ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES, 517 Burleigh, Lawrence and Barbara Hladky, pastors, 665-0889. SAT 7am Praise and worship celebration, SUN, 10am Worship, WED, 7pm Worship. Teens prayer daily 10am.

Alliance of Renewal Churches

LIVING WATER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Sun, 10am Yankton Middle School (2000 Mulberry) Weds, 7pm Prayer. David Olson, pastor. (605)260-2138.

Assembly of God

ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 801 W. 25th, Jeff Manz, pastor, 665-6362 (office). SUN, 10am Worship Celebration, WED, 7pm Midweek service and Bible study for all ages.

Baptist

***CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**, 2407 Broadway, Yankton. (605)665-5594. Rev. Jon Cooke, Pastor Jeremy Nelson, and Pastor Terry Fort. Laura Kotalik, SUNDAY June 6 8:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Time 9:00 AM Sunday School for all Ages 10:30 AM Worship Service "Learning from Jesus How to Relate" MONDAY June 7 7:30 PM Service broadcast on Channels 3 & 98 TUESDAY June 8 7:00 PM Board Meetings WEDNESDAY June 9 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Time 11:30 AM Mid Day Meal (Women's Bible Study) 7:00 PM Youth "Chilli" at the Church (at Calvary) 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM "Snatched from the Fire" Prayer Time THURSDAY June 10 5:30 PM Senior Connection BBQ 7:00 PM Fire By Night (Women's Bible Study) 7:00 PM Celebrate Recovery FRIDAY June 11 5:30 PM Parents' Time Out 7:00 PM Cruisin' 24/7 SATURDAY June 12 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast.

Baptist

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 221 W. 3rd, Kevin Caskey, pastor, 665-0066. SUN, 9:30am Sunday School, 10:45pm Preaching Service, 4pm Afternoon Service. THU, 7pm Preaching & Prayer Service.

Baptist

ST. AGNES PARISH: SIGEL, rural Ulica, SUN, 9am Mass, confessions 1/2 hour before Mass.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Bloomfield, NE. Fr. Michael Schmitz, SUN, Mass: 10:30am; TUE, Mass: 8am; THUR, Mass: 7pm. Confessions: THUR, 6:30-6:55pm.

ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1500 St. Benedict Drive, Yankton, Father Paul Josten, 664-6214 (church), Masses: SAT, 5pm. SUN, 8:30-11am.

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Menominee, Neb., Rev. David Fulton, pastor. SUN, 8:30am Mass.

Baptist

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 303 Ohio St., Wakonda. Mike Lindsay, pastor, (605)759-5020. SUNDAY Worship, 11:00a.m., evening 6:00pm WEDNESDAY Bible Study 12Noon.

HARVEST INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, 100 W. 3rd, Mission Hill, Pastor Nathan Martin, 668-0708 (ch.) 665-1481 (home). SUN, 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship, 5:30pm Worship, WED, 7:00pm Worship.

YANKTON BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC, Pastor Matt Green, 607 East 15th St., Yankton, 665-7587. SUN, 9:30am Bible study, SS, 10:45am Worship, WED, 7pm Midweek service.

Bible Church

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH, 31102 Walleye Drive (Corner of Hwy. 52 and Walleye Drive, just east of Gavin's Point Dam road), Yankton. Joel Finck, pastor, 463-2070. SUN, 10am Worship.

Catholic

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC, Wakonda, Rev. Scott Trayner, 624-2697. SUN, 8:30am Mass.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA, Crofton, Neb. Fr. Michael Schmitz, SAT, Mass: 8:00am & 5:30pm. SUN, Mass: 8:30am. WED/FRI Masses: 8:15am. Confessions: WED, 11am-11:30am, SAT, 5:5-2:00pm.

ST. WENCESLAUS, Tabor, (605)463-2336. Rev. Joseph Puthenkulathil, SAT, 7pm Mass. SUN, 8:30am Mass.

THE HOUSE OF MARY SHRINE, 6-mi. W. Yankton, Hwy.52. Masses: 1st Saturday 9:00am, Monday 8:30am. Rosary: 4:00 Sunday. Open 7 days a week for prayer. thehouseofmaryshrine.org

Charismatic

YAHWEH-SHALOM CHARISMATIC, St. Benedict Catholic Church, MON, 7:30pm prayer meeting

Christian

KINGSWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 19th & Burleigh, 665-6317, Joseph Mason, Pastor, 9am-SS; Worship 10:15am, Wed, 6pm. Kids games: 7pm; Kids for Christ & Adult Bible Study.

Christian Science

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY, Sixth St. and Douglas St., Yankton. SUN, 9:45am Worship.

Church of Christ

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 1114 West 12th, Yankton, 665-6379. SUN, 9:30am Bible study; classes for all ages. 10:30am Worship.

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ST. COLUMBA CHURCH, rural Irene. For weekend Mass info see church bulletin or Rev. Mathew Vazhappally. (605)583-4318.

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ST. GEORGE CHURCH, Scotland, SD. Rev. Mathew Vazhappally. For weekend Mass info see church bulletin or call (605)583-4318.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC, Fordyce, Neb. Rev. David Fulton. SUN, 10:30am Mass.

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Constance, Neb., Fr. David Fulton, pastor. SAT, Mass: 7:30pm.

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Church of Jesus Christ

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 2300 Douglas, Yankton. Randy Campbell, (605)565-2016. Family History Ctr 665-0901. SUN, 10am Sacrament meeting.

Episcopal

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 517 Douglas, Yankton. Rev. James Pearson, (605)665-2456. Summer hours begin Sunday June 6 8:30 Serenity: 9:30 Morning Prayer and Sunday School.

Evangelical

EMMANUEL CHURCH Yankton HS Theater, 1801 Summit, Sunday Worship @ 11 am. Pastors Dan Freng & Jeremy Mulder, www.emmanuelyankton.com (605)665-0404.

Faith Alive

FAITH ALIVE, 501 Cedar St., Yankton, 665-4797. Contemporary Worship & Family Values. SUN: 10am service. WED, 7pm CareCells "Small Groups For Building Relationships" Various Locations.

Jehovah's Witnesses

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, 2215 Douglas, 664-2249. SUN, 10am Public Bible Lecture, 10:35am Watchtower. WED, 7:30pm Bible Study, 8pm Ministry School, 8:35pm Service meeting.

Lutheran

CALVARY LUTHERAN, Irene, 263-3527. SUN, 9:30am Worship, 10:45am SS.

Lutheran

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH, 305 W. 25th, Yankton, 665-8848. Rev. Dani Jo Ninke. SUN, 8:30am AND 10:45am Worship, SS-9:45am.

Lutheran

FAITH UNITED LUTHERAN, 44874 303rd St., Volin SD 57072, (605)267-2277. SUN, Worship Services 9:30am. Children's Education WED, Evening (WOW) 6:30-7:30pm.

Lutheran

FIRST AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH, 300 S. Carpenter St., Tripp, (605)935-6941. Pastor Mike Jacobson. SUN, 10:45am Worship (Holy Communion first and last Sundays), 9:30am Sunday School.